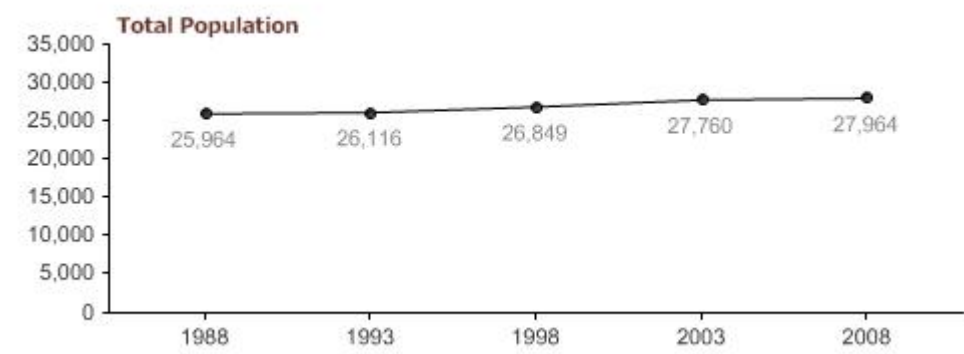


Wells County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

| Population Over Time | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1988 | 1993 | 1998 | 2003 | 2008 |
| Total Population | 25,964 | 26,116 | 26,849 | 27,760 | 27,964 |
| Change Since 1988 | | 152 | 885 | 1,796 | 2,000 |
| Pct. Change Since 1988 | | 0.6% | 3.4% | 6.9% | 7.7% |



Source: US Census Bureau

| Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008 | | |
|--|--------|--|
| | Number | |
| Net Domestic Migration | -38 | |
| International Migration | 1 | |
| Natural Increase (births minus deaths) | 103 | |
| Births | 358 | |
| Deaths | 255 | |

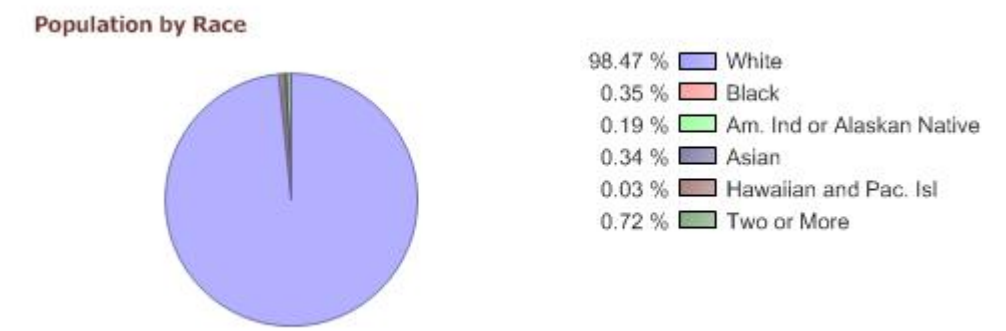
Source: US Census Bureau

| Population Estimates by Age in 2007 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| | Number | Pct. Dist |
| Preschool | 1,715 | 6.1% |
| School Age | 5,018 | 18.0% |
| College Age | 2,375 | 8.5% |

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Young Adult | 7,027 | 25.2% |
| Older Adult | 7,573 | 27.1% |
| Older (65 plus) | 4,219 | 15.1% |

Source: US Census Bureau

| Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007 | | |
|--|--------|-----------|
| | Number | Pct. Dist |
| American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone | 54 | 0.2% |
| Asian Alone | 94 | 0.3% |
| Black Alone | 98 | 0.4% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone | 8 | 0.0% |
| White Alone | 27,471 | 98.5% |
| Two or More Race Groups | 202 | 0.7% |



| Hispanic or Latino | | |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| Non-Hispanic or Latino | 27,450 | 98.4% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 477 | 1.7% |

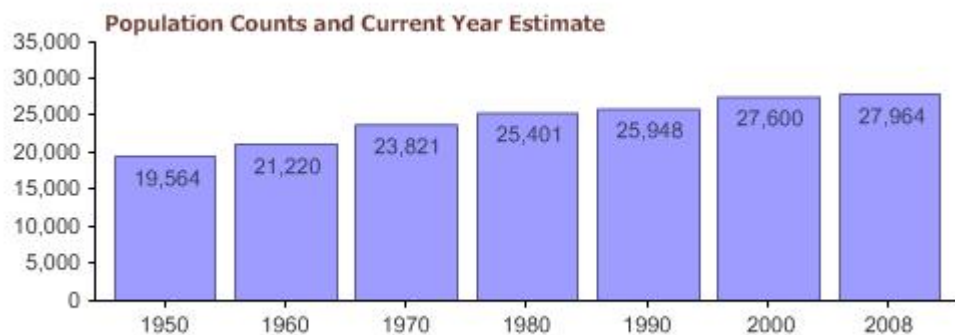
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| Households in 2000 | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| | Number | Pct. Dist |
| Total Households | 10,402 | 100.0% |
| Family Households | 7,625 | 73.3% |
| Married with Children | 2,911 | 28.0% |
| Married without Children | 3,524 | 33.9% |
| Single Parents | 736 | 7.1% |
| Other | 454 | 4.4% |
| Non-family Households | 2,777 | 26.7% |
| Living Alone | 2,423 | 23.3% |
| Average Household Size | 2.65 | |
| Average Family Household Size | 3.62 | |

Source: US Census Bureau

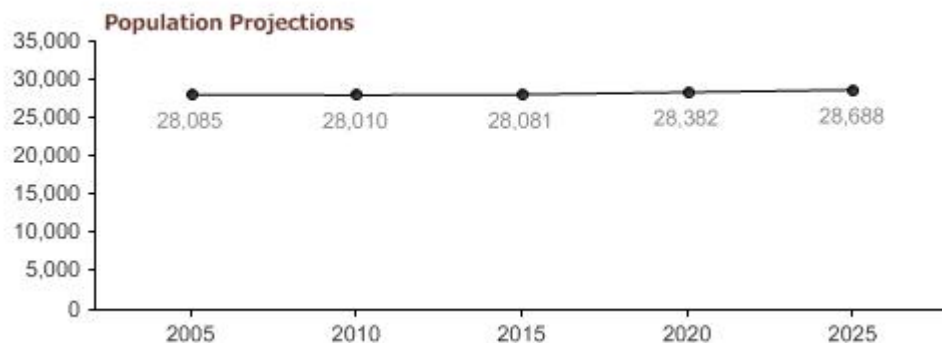
| Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate | | | |
|---|------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Population | Numerical Chg. | Pct. Chg. |
| 1950 | 19,564 | NA | NA |
| 1960 | 21,220 | 1,656 | 8.5% |
| 1970 | 23,821 | 2,601 | 12.3% |
| 1980 | 25,401 | 1,580 | 6.6% |
| 1990 | 25,948 | 547 | 2.2% |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|------------|--------|-------|------|
| April 2000 | 27,600 | 1,652 | 6.4% |
| 2008 | 27,964 | 364 | 1.3% |



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

| Population Projections | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2025 |
| Population Projections | 28,085 | 28,010 | 28,081 | 28,382 | 28,688 |
| Change Since 2005 | | -75 | -4 | 297 | 603 |
| Pct. Change Since 2005 | | -0.3% | -0.0% | 1.1% | 2.1% |



Source: Indiana Business Research Center